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COMMISSION ON CULTURE & TOURISM SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR 2008 HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Commission on Culture & Tourism (CCT) is soliciting public input for the development of the 2007-2008 work program. The CCT expects to receive approximately \$550,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund of the U. S. Department of the Interior to carry out its programs and operations. Ten percent of the award is reserved for pass-through grants to Certified Local Governments (CLG).

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the SHPO has responsibility for administration of the federal historic preservation program in Connecticut. In brief, the purpose of the program is to encourage preservation of the state's archeological, architectural and historic resources. Historic preservation generates jobs, affordable housing, private reinvestment and tax revenue. It also promotes smart growth by rehabilitating and reusing buildings already serviced by existing municipal infrastructure. Historic preservation supports community-based revitalization in Connecticut's urban neighborhoods and small-town Main Streets.

Specific activities include the identification of properties important in history, architecture, culture, and archeology; evaluation and registration of significant properties; formal review of federal and federally-assisted projects that could affect archeological and historic resources; development and implementation of the statewide historic preservation plan; administration of the CLG program; administration of the federal and state investment tax credits program for certified historic structures; and public outreach activities.

A fuller description of the CCT historic preservation activities may be found in the History Programs and Services guide available on line at the CCT website or by request to Mary M. Donohue, Survey and Grants Director, Historic Preservation and Museum Division, Commission on Culture & Tourism, 59 S. Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106 or by email mary.donohue@ct.gov

Your comments will help the CCT determine projects and activities for 2007-2008. Please send your comments to Mary M. Donohue as shown above by November 30, 2007.